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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF NORBERT MILLER, ET AL.

FOR: METHOD FOR THE AUTOMATION OF ALLOCATION PROCESSES FOR PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES

<u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u> <u>UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98</u>

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

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